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1. THERE IS NO RPT NO PRECISE DEFINITION OF "SUBSTANTIAL TRANSFORMATION" REGULATION, AS CUSTOMS MAKES CASE-BY-CASE DETERMINATIONS. IN GENERAL, SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF ASSEMBLY MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED IN ORDER TO SAY THAT SUBSTANTIAL TRANSFORMATION HAS TAKEN PLACE. FOR EXAMPLE, IN CASE OF GARMENTS, IMPORTING CUT PIECES FROM SECOND COUNTRY AND SEWING THEM TOGETHER WOULD CONSTITUTE SUBSTANTIAL TRANSFORMATION. HOWEVER, PRESSING, PACKAGING, TRIMMING, HEMMING, SEWING ON BUTTONS, POCKETS, ZIPPERS, ETC. WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE CONSIDERED SUBSTANTIAL TRANSFORMATION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. BASED ON THIS INFORMATION, AMBASSADOR'S AND MENDIS'S POSITION OUTLINED IN SECOND PARAGRAPH YOUR LETTER IS PROPER, IN OUR OPINION. VANCE

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